

MONACO INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 9, 2009 MOULTRIE, GA

President Wade Myers called the meeting to order at 10:45 AM March 9, 2009.

The following Board members were present: President Wade Myers, 1st Vice President Don Wyatt, 2nd Vice President Jack Brewster, VP of Membership Kaye Martin, Secretary Peggy Rahkola, Treasurer Wilburn Ply, National Director Nancy Wolfe, Regional Directors: Jerry Jenkins and David Piper (Region 3), Wilt Greenwood (Region 4), Carol Williams (Region 5) and Cari Mitchell (Region 6), and Directors at Large Bob Larson and Art Brighton. Page Robertson from Monaco Coach and 20 Monaco International members were present as guests. The Parliamentarians were Bob & Sue Haught.

Jack Brewster moved to approve the minutes from the meeting in Willmar, MN. The motion was seconded and passed.

There were no reports from 1st Vice-President Don Wyatt or 2nd Vice-President Jack Brewster.

VP of Membership Kaye Martin reported as of February 28, 2008 the membership of Monaco International was 3,151 coach members. The membership status of all attendees for the Swingin' Into Spring rally has been checked, and all are current with both FMCA and MI. The Regional Directors contact all new members and their data is checked and corrected as necessary. There are 57 first timer coaches at the Swingin' Into Spring rally.

Treasurer Wilburn Ply reported that as of 12-31-2008 total assets were \$446,504.16, outstanding liabilities were \$37,649.64 and the fund balance was \$408,854.52. **Nancy Wolfe moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion was seconded and passed.**

National Director Nancy Wolfe submitted her report to be filed. It will be read in it's entirety at the General Meeting on March 13.

Cari Mitchell gave a report on the MI Pre-Rally, Northern Reflections, which was held in Willmar, MN, July 8-11, 2008. There were 312 coaches in attendance, five dealers, five sponsors, 12 suppliers and 32 vendors. The hearty group did not let rain spoil the Preview Night Welcome Party, and survived the last evening's excitement of being evacuated to locker rooms when a tornado was spotted a few miles away.

Jim Martin reported that the 2008 Albuquerque Intl. Balloon Fiesta was a success, and they were able to return \$1,376.71 to the MI account. Jim announced that David and Kay Piper were taking over the AIBF and encouraged members to support them.

Nancy Wolfe reported the Executive Board had voted to delete the private side of the MI web site, and it has been discontinued. She asked if anyone had ideas on upgrading the web site to please let us know.

Linda Schreiber reported that the Audit Committee reviewed the 2008 records for Monaco International and the Albuquerque Intl. Balloon Fiesta and reported no items came to the Committee's attention that needed further documentation. The Committee also reviewed the records for the MI Northern Reflections Pre-Rally, in Willmar, MN, and reported Standing Rule

9 was not followed and duplicate check numbers were used. As a result of the audits, the Audit Committee recommended the number of committee heads who get reimbursed be limited, the Executive Board specifically list key committee heads to be reimbursed, and the Rally Master submit a budget to the Executive Board for review and guidance.

1st Vice President Don Wyatt reported the next Monaco International rally will be in Springfield, OH, July 14-17, 2009. Carol and Riley Williams are the rally masters. After that, FMCA is going to Albuquerque, NM in March of 2010.

Kaye Martin reported on record keeping changes. MI has taken back the responsibility of management of the database from Monaco Coach Corp. MI has hired Brenda Reagh (a former MCC employee, who previously had maintained the database) and extended her contract through April 30, 2010. Kaye stated that Brenda is very capable and a pleasure to work with.

Wade Myers spoke about Monaco support for future rallies and how much support MI wants to give to future rallies. We don't know what the financial support will be in the future. We have to work to keep up and increase attendance for our rallies. Wade stated we need to continue the fun, food and fellowship and it may cost more than it did in the past.

Wilburn Ply reported the MI bank accounts with Bank of America are currently higher than what is covered by FDIC insurance. MI needs to transfer part of funds that we have on reserve to other banks to be sure that we have FDIC coverage on all funds at all time.

Wilburn Ply moved the incoming Treasurer open additional bank accounts to keep the MI accounts in one bank under the FDIC limit. Motion was seconded by Don Wyatt and passed.

Nancy Wolfe discussed the need to network with other clubs, and suggested several ways this might be accomplished. She asked the attendees if they had any ideas to please share with the Board.

Don Wyatt asked the attendees how they would feel if we moved our pre-rally further away from FMCA (in distance) to be able to find better locations, better time of year, lower costs. Majority of the attendees indicated a preference to stay within one day travel of the FMCA rally.

Bill Miller gave a brief report on the Swingin' Into Spring rally. He thanked Monaco and the 31 vendors for being here. There are approximately 300 coaches, 130 volunteers, and some great entertainment, and so far good weather. Bill also discussed the need for improved communication to get rally information out to our members since the loss of Lifestyles magazine.

Art Brighton moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Rahkola, Secretary

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